



Phillis Wheatley

You will use information from the Web sites to answer the following questions on the life and works of Phillis Wheatley.

WRITE THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES ON YOUR OWN PAPER.

Type in the following URL http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/wheatley_phillis.shtml
This will take you to the BBC biography of Phillis Wheatley. Read the information carefully and then answer the following questions.

1. Where was Wheatley born? How did she get to Boston, Massachusetts?
2. Who tutored her? What subjects did she learn? Why is her accomplishment so significant?
3. What poem gained her fame before her twentieth birthday?
4. Who published Wheatley's work? What did the publisher require before he would publish her work?
5. What was the title of her work? What is her "famous first?"
6. Describe Wheatley's writing style.
7. What are some of the criticisms that have been directed toward her work? How have other critics responded to these criticisms?

Type in the following URL <http://www.csustan.edu/english/reuben/pal/chap2/wheatley.html>.
This will take you to the Perspectives on American Literature Web page on Wheatley. Click on Her Achievements in the menu section. This should take you to a list of Wheatley's achievements.

1. What are Wheatley's primary achievements?
2. What was Wheatley's strongest anti-slavery statement? What examples does she use to prove her point?